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Some interesting second and third brood records of Lepidoptera seen in Yorkshire in 1989

A number of readers have recorded unusual second or third brood specimens during 1989, and below are a selection from Yorkshire, mainly the Selby district. I have incorporated records from Dr Heron (AH); Mr Winter (PW); Mr Spencer (BS); Dr Barnham (MB); Mr Beaumont (HB) and Mr Crowther (PC).

Butterflies

Pararge aegeria L. (Speckled Wood) — a few, presumably third brood seen at Owston Wood, South Yorks. 15.10.

Lasiommata megera L. (Wall) — one specimen of third brood seen at Bishop's Wood 26.10; also Harrogate 28.9 and 19.10 (MB).

Lycæna phlaeas L. (Small Copper) — a third brood usually occurs here. In 1989 several seen near Barlow, 10.10; also Harrogate 28.9 and 26.10 (MB).

Geometridae

Timandra griseata Peters (Blood-vein) — First brood in good numbers, July. Second brood 13.8; 19.8, 13.9.

Scopula imitaria Hb. (Small Blood-vein) — Several first brood in July; second brood, unusual in the north, 26.9 and 1.10.

Idaea biselata Hufn. (Small Fan-footed Wave) — One second-brood specimen taken by J. Whiteside at Grass Wood, Grassington, 17.10.

Lymantriidae

Euproctis similis Fuess. (Yellow Tail) — Second brood captures W. Melton 17.10 (HB); Wass, 16.10 (AH); Spurn, 27.10 (BS).

Arctiidae

Spilosoma lubricipeda L. (White Ermine) — First brood common from 17th May; a few second brood Selby 5.9; Wass, 24.8 (AH).

Noctuidae

Agrotis segetum D. & S. (Turnip moth) — Wass. 10.9 (AH); Muston, 27.8 and 21.10 (PW); Cottingham, 25.9 — 1.10 (PC) and Selby (SMJ).

A. exclamationis L. (Heart and Dart) — Muston, near Filey, 5.9 and 25.9 (PW) and Selby (SMJ).

Lacanobia oleracea L. (Bright-line Brown-eye) — Muston, 18.8 and 22.9 (PW).

Mythimna pallens L. (Common Wainscot) — second brood specimens seen most years at Selby, as was the case in 1989. Also at Muston, 10.9 and 18.10 (PW); Cottingham 10.9 (PC).

M. litoralis Curt. (Shore Wainscot) — Spurn, second brood seen from 27.9 (BS).

Diachrysia chrysitis L. (Burnished Brass) — not common in first brood at Selby in 1989, but partial second brood seen 17.9; Muston 29.9 and 23.8 (PW); Wass 19.7 (AH).

Hypena proboscidalis L. (Snout) — a few second brood seen at Selby in September; Muston 12.9 (PW); Cottingham 7.9 (PC); Wass 11.10 (AH).

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***Cyclophora pendularia* Cl. (Lep.: Geometridae) near Sandbanks, Dorset**

I reported the trapping of a specimen of *Cyclophora pendularia* Cl. (Dingy Mocha) in July 1989 in the Luscombe Valley local nature reserve, near Sandbanks, Dorset in *Ent. Rec.* **101**: 277. I claimed it as a new location for this species in Dorset. Subsequently I purchased a copy of *Local Lists of Lepidoptera* by J.M. Chalmers-Hunt. This very useful publication put me in touch with the work of the late Rev F.M.B. Carr, who resided only some 250 yards from Luscombe Valley from 1947 to 1951. He caught a single specimen of *C. pendularia* at a non-mv light trap in his garden in both 1948 and 1951. I think it likely that his specimens were wanderers from the nearby wetland area of Luscombe Valley and that there may well have been a resident colony in the valley for many years. However, the possibility that both his and my specimens originated from the other side of Poole Harbour (e.g. the Little Sea area of Studland), or even from the islands in the harbour, cannot be wholly discounted.

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